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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Duffield on Saturday, July 29th.

As the visitor approaches Duffield from the south he would no doubt be struck by the change in the character of the scenery, which south of Derby is commonplace, but northwards gradually becomes more picturesque. A fit commencement to the greater beauties of the Peak. On arrival some took the opportunity to stroll through the charming grounds of Duffield Bank, others to indulge in their favourite pastime at the parish church. No doubt many an envious eye would be cast around the well-kept belfry (more like a drawing-room) as a vision of bare and often dusty floors and plain white-washed walls came before their mind's eye. The two committee meetings having been held, at 5.30 all adjourned to The White Hart hotel, where a capital spread had been generously provided by the Duffield Society, free to all ringing members, to which full justice was done. The general meeting immediately followed, the Presi. dent, A. Heywood, Esq., in the chair, Mr. Wm. Wakley, Hon-Treasurer, Mr. John O. Lancashire, Hon. Secretary, and about seventy-one members and friends being present.

The President read the minutes of the last meeting, which were passed and signed on the proposition of Mr. Shardlow, seconded by Mr. Needham. The Hon. Secretary read the names of four new ringing members, who were duly elected.

The Chairman then addressed the meeting *re* its progress during the past half year. He congratulated the St. Andrew's Society, Derby, on a peal of Court Bob Triples, being the first in the method by the Association; also the Chesterfield band on a peal of Grandsire, their first Association peal. He hoped that the bands who were very promising a few years ago would also put their shoulders to the wheel again this year. The Chairman also gave notice that at the next quarterly meeting a testimonial would be presented to Mr. Joseph Griffin, the late Hon. Secretary, and also that they would be called upon to elect their representatives to the Central Council.

Two propositions were made as to the next quarterly meeting, viz.: Mr. Coppock proposed that it should be held at Nottingham, which was seconded by Mr. Hickton; Mr. Needham proposed that it should be held at Loughborough, which was seconded by Mr. Draper and eventually carried.

The Hon. Secretary then proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells; to the Duffield Society for generously providing a free tea, and also to the President for allowing the ringers the use of his grounds.

Mr. W. Wakley seconded, and said that it would be a great shame if they separated that day without thanking the Duffield Society for the splendid spread of which they had partaken.

The motion was carried with acclamation.

A proposition was then brought forward by Mr. Goodwin, from the Old East Derbyshire Association, in which they desired to wind up the old Society and become members of the Midland Counties' Association. Considerable discussion then arose, but it was ultimately decided, on the proposition of Mr. A. Wakley, seconded by Mr. Thompson, "That the Old East Derbyshire Association be taken in if the Yorkshire Association do not think we are encroaching on their boundaries."

Mr. White proposed a vote of thanks to the President for presiding, which was seconded by Mr. S. Cooper, and the meeting then terminated.

Many adjourned to have another ring on the musical bells at the parish church, others to talk over bye-gone years with old friends, and so ended a most pleasurable meeting.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.—The monthly meeting in connection with the above was held at Hale parish church, on Saturday, August 5th. The day was beautifully fine, and a large number of ringers assembled from the following places: Garston, Halewood, Liverpool, Walton, Warrington, Woolton, etc., also the local company. The tower was open for ringing at 3.30, and the first to put in an appearance were the Warrington ringers. This enterprising company only joined the Association last April, and since that time they have mastered Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Single Bob Minor, and are now learning College Single. They were totally unacquainted with these methods previous to joining the Association, but owing to the leaflets which have been circulated at these meetings, they are now able to ring the above methods. Much good has been done by distribution of these leaflets, as individual members now come to the meetings fully prepared to ring the methods that are arranged for practice, and it is hoped they will also introduce them into their own towers.

The business meeting was held in the schoolroom, at which the Rev. R. B. Stewart presided. The minutes of the previous meeting held at Halewood were read and confirmed. The rev. gentleman said he would always be glad to welcome the Association to Hale, as he was sure they were doing a deal of good by visiting different churches. Every clergyman ought to appreciate the services of the ringers, and try and keep them together as much as possible. A grand improvement had taken place in the church belfry since the Association was formed, and everyone ought to do their best to attain every object in connection with it. He was glad the day was so fine, and he hoped it would not be long before the Association paid another visit.

Mr. Gough, of Garston, also spoke of the work that was going on, and said he could not resist the temptation of coming to Hale, as he always enjoyed a visit to that charming place. This old veteran is looking exceedingly well, and to all appearance he is likely to handle the ropes for some time to come.

The next meeting is arranged to take place at Woolton, on Saturday, September 2nd. A vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding and also for the use of the bells, and to the local company for having everything in readiness, terminated a very pleasant meeting. The methods rung during the day were as follows: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of this Association was held at Hatfield on Monday, August 7th, and was attended by representatives from St. Albans, Hitchin, Baldock, and Bushey, besides the members of the local company, and some non-resident members and visitors. Ringing commenced about three o'clock in the afternoon, and continued until about half-past five, when an adjournment was made to the Salisbury Arms Temperance Hotel, where a substantial tea was provided by the proprietor, Mr. Walter Smith. At the conclusion of the repast the usual meeting of business was held, and, in the absence of Mr. Proctor (the President), Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, of St. Albans, was voted to the chair. Messrs. W. Lawrence, of Little Munden, and R. Bevan, of Haverstock Hill, were unanimously elected ringing members. On the proposition of Mr. E. P. Debenham (hon. sec.) seconded by Mr. Webb, of Baldock, a resolution was passed expressing regret at the death of the Rev. W. J. Skilton, rector of Baldock, and one of the earliest clerical hon. members of the Association. A vote of thanks was accorded to the rector of Hatfield for permitting the use of the bells for the meeting that day, and Mr. Knight of Hertford, a former member of the Association, made some remarks which were replied to by the Chairman and Secretary. After the customary votes of thanks had been accorded and acknowledged, the members returned to the belfry and ringing was kept up until nine o'clock.

The new north aisle of the parish church of Bettws was consecrated on Friday week. The church, which is supposed to date back to the twelfth century, has, owing to the munificence of Miss Olive Talbot, been entirely restored and enlarged by the addition of a north aisle, which has practically doubled the seating accommodation. The Rev. Stephen Nichol preached the sermon. At a luncheon in the schoolroom, the Bishop, acknowledging the toast of his health, proposed by Mr. W. John, Byngarw House, alluded to the phenomenal success of the Church in that diocese. During the Wesleyan Conference at Cardiff he mentioned that a Wesleyan minister had come to him and desired him to ordain his son for the Church. He added that his son had gone to the Church with his hearty good-will, and he trusted that others of his sons would follow his example. That, added his lordship, was what was taking place in Nonconformist circles throughout the country.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—MEETING AT CREWE.

The annual gathering of the members of this Guild was held at Crewe on Monday, August 14th, when there was a large attendance of ringers from all parts of the diocese, most of the towers associated with the Guild being represented. In the morning a merry peal was rung on the bells of Christ Church, and this was followed by a special service in the church. A suitable discourse was preached by the Rev. C. Lowe, Vicar of St. John's, Cheetham, Manchester, an ex-president of the Lancashire Association.

At the conclusion of the service an adjournment was made to the Parish Room, where the annual business meeting was held. Archdeacon Barber, Master of the Guild, occupied the chair.

Mr. Heywood presented the annual balance-sheet, which showed that after meeting all liabilities, the Guild had a balance in hand of £66 14s. 9d.

It was decided that the General Committee should appoint a sub-committee to assist the Secretary in drawing up a new peal-book.

Archdeacon Barber, in proposing the re-election of the hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. H. A. Heywood, said they all knew how much they owed to Mr. Heywood for his energy and untiring devotion to the Guild. Since the death of their lamented friend, Canon Greenall, Mr. Heywood has ably discharged the duties of the office; in fact he did not know what the Guild would do without such a secretary. That evening the members wished to show their regard and esteem for him by asking his acceptance of an illuminated address and a clock and ornaments. They were anxious that some acknowledgment should be made of his admirable services on behalf of their Guild. The following address had been drawn up: "The members of the Guild in presenting you with the accompanying clock, desire to express their hearty and grateful appreciation of your unvarying devotion and energetic labours for the good of the Guild, and their earnest hope that it may long continue to enjoy the benefit of your invaluable services as its secretary and tresurer. Signed on behalf of the Guild—EDWARD BARBER, *Master*."

The Archdeacon then handed the address to Mr. Heywood, together with a beautiful clock and ornaments.

Mr. Heywood suitably acknowledged the gift.

The Master then submitted the resolution to reappoint Mr. Heywood as secretary and treasurer, and it was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Heywood proposed the re-election of Archdeacon Barber as Master of the Guild.

This proposition was also carried with enthusiasm.

Archdeacon Barber said he also evinced a deep interest in the welfare of the Guild.

The following gentlemen were re-elected to serve on the General Committee:—The Revs. G. J. Howson, Crewe; Canon Wood, Runcorn; Canon Blencowe, West Kirby; and Canon Turner. Neston; with Mr. H. Hatt Cook, Northwich.

Five change-ringing members were re-appointed on the General Committee, as follows:—Messrs. W. Forster, Northwich; W. Walmsley, Macclesfield; J. Dillon, Bebington; R. Holding, Crewe; and Houghton, Daresbury. It was decided that Mr. James Moulton, Chester, should substitute Mr. F. Ball, also of Chester, as a member of the General Committee.

A discussion then took place as to the selection of a suitable town for the holding of the next annual meeting. Bowdon, West Kirby, and Macclesfield were proposed, and eventually it was decided by a large majority to meet at Macclesfield, the date of the meeting to be, as in former years, the first Monday in August.

In accordance with a rule passed at the last annual meeting, it was resolved to make a grant of £5 to Alsager church, and a similar grant to Acton church, for the enlargement and improvement of the peals in their respective towers.

The Rev. W. H. Hodge, vicar of Acton, and the Rev. D. Shaw, vicar of Alsager, suitably acknowledged the grants made by the Guild.

Votes of thanks were afterwards passed to various gentlemen.

An excellent dinner was provided at the Crewe Arms hotel, and after all had enjoyed the sumptuous repast, the members of the Guild were escorted through Crewe works, and expressed themselves highly delighted with their visit to the great railway centre.

RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS AT LIMINGTON, SOMERSET.

Limington, a very picturesque if somewhat remote village of Somerset, was *en fete* recently. It is five miles from Sparkford, five from Yeovil and five from Martock. The occasion was the opening of the peal of six bells at the parish church of St. Mary. In former time there were five bells, but some long period ago one was taken down and sold. Of the remaining ones two were hopelessly cracked, one was bad and useless, one was sound and good. Through the exertions of the vicar, Rev. D. B. Binney, money has been collected for the recasting of the cracked bells. A new tenor, 12 cwt. in F, has been given by Miss Brancker, of Wells, in memory of her sister and brother, a former rector of Limington, and a new treble by Mr. Brake and his family. The casting has been done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London, and the hanging was entrusted to Mr. Blackbourn, of Salisbury, who, it will be remembered re-hung the Wells Cathedral peal last year. An excellent peal of six is the result, of which the "go" is all that can be desired. There was a large attendance of clergy. The Bishop of Bath and Wells drove from the Palace, a distance of twenty miles, to dedicate the peal and preach the sermon. We are glad to say that his lordship is much better than he was and seemed to bear the fatigue of the drive of forty miles and the heat much better than could have been thought. The service commenced at 3 p.m., in a crowded church. It consisted of shortened evensong with special Psalms, hymn and anthem. After the latter, the Bishop in his wheel chair proceeded down the church to the tower, and with special prayers dedicated the peal. Then there was a short pause while a few changes were rung. The Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, the Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, was in charge of the ringing, and a 6-score of Grandsire Doubles was rung by T. Doble (Taunton), 1; J. Whale (Bathwick), 2; Rev. C. W. H. Griffith, 3; T. W. Radford (Taunton), 4; S. Lawrence (Salisbury), 5; — Watts, 6. Then the Bishop proceeded to the pulpit and took for his text Psalm cxxii., 4, "I was glad when they said unto me," etc. The Psalmist, he said, perhaps had for a time been denied the opportunity of going into the temple of the Lord. Hence his gladness at returning. It might be asked what is the temple of the Lord? First, of course, the whole universe, for heaven is His throne and the earth His footstool; second, the temple of Mount Sion, the home of Jewish worship in a heathen world. That lasted for 1,000 years and did its work. Then in the Christian times 10000 temples arose and took its place in all lands. Of them that Church was one. Let congregations be united in worship and love. There is no more beautiful sight, he said, then a congregation united in worship and in heart. Let them be so. The call to worship was made by bells, and their bells had been restored and increased by the liberality of various donors. He appealed to the congregation to give so as to clear off the debt, and lastly to pray earnestly for the church of Christ, now placed in many dangers. After service, an opening peal of 720 Grandsire Minor was rung, T. Doble, 1; T. W. Radford, 2; Rev. C. W. H. Griffith (conductor), 3; J. Whale, 4; S. Lawrence, 5; — Watts, 6. Afterwards 6-scores of Plain Bob Doubles were rung. All that listened, and nearly 500 people were collected, where delighted with the music of the new ring of bells. About 5 p.m. there was a large public tea, a brass band being engaged to enliven the proceedings of the evening.

On Tuesday, August 9th, the Bishop of Salisbury re-opened the ancient church of Holy Cross at Ramsbury, near Hungerford, once the site of a Bishop's see. The contributors to the cost of the work include the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, who gave £1000, and who was present at the re-opening service. The church (says the *Times*) stands on the site of the mother church of the diocese, on a spot consecrated not later than the year 909, and probably much earlier. At that date the diocese of Winchester was divided into two bishoprics, one being at Winchester and the other at Ramsbury. There were ten Bishops of Ramsbury, of whom three became Archbishops of Canterbury—namely Odo, Siric, and Elfric—and the last Bishop, Herman, was chaplain of Edward the Confessor. The church just restored was probably built in the thirteenth century.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—PLYMOUTH AND DEVONPORT BRANCH.

This band, formed in August last, has recently undergone a change in its officers. Mr. E. Taylor is leader, J. Steed, treasurer, W. H. Marsh, secretary. Ringing at Charles on Wednesdays at 7.30, Stoke on Thursdays at 7.30, and Dockyard, at 6 p.m. on Saturdays. In addition to the above the Rev. N. Vickers, at Charles, has placed his bells entirely in our hands, and we have formed a Charles Parochial Society, and do the parish chiming and ringing. So the Stoney stronghold has at last been broken into. On Bank Holiday six of the above members visited Calstock, Cornwall, and by the kind permission of the Rev. Canon Hullah, M.A., rang a 720 of Bob Minor, also two 6-scores each of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The bells were rehung by Mr. H. Stokes of Woodbury, Exeter, at Christmas, 1892, and go splendidly. They are a pretty peal, the tenor 11¾ cwt. in F. On the way home, by the kind permission of the Rev. F. T. W. Wintle, M.A. (who said the name of our Guild was sufficient guarantee that we should observe order in the church), we rang at Beer Ferrers, Devon. There were no stays to these bells, and the sound was very bad, impossible to hear the trebles. The ropes are also too big; consequently we did not do much ringing here. We had completed about 500 out of 720 when a knight of the Stoney brigade came over (the door was open for light)), and said, "If you be going to ring these bells—you must keep 'em down lower," &c. Owing, to his incessant pestering, our peal came to grief. Tenor about 10 cwt. in G. Beguiling our waiting time on the station platform with handbells, to the amusement of excursionists, the train soon arrived to carry us to Plymouth, having spent a very happy day. The ringers stood as follows in the 720. W. Peard, 1; E. Hendy, 2; R. Ford, 3; E. Taylor (conductor), 4; A. Richards, 5; W. H. Marsh, 6.

W. H. B.

Correspondence.

While allowing the utmost freedom for the expression of opinion, it must never be considered that we are in any way bound to statements made by correspondents.

To the Editor of "THE BELL NEWS AND RINGERS' RECORD."

SIR,—Your correspondent, Mr. T. Bettison, states that Friezland Surprise, as published in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 5th, is, according to the authority he quotes, identical with Mirfield Delight. Mr. B. Thackrah, in his work on "The Art of Change-Ringing," page 57, gives, under the title of Mirfield Delight, a treble lead quite distinct from the variation published on the 5th inst. Thus Mr. Bettison's authority makes use of a name (unwittingly no doubt), that is already used in connection with a published variation. Those who have the right, will, perhaps, rectify the nomenclature. If any one with a knowledge of the principle on which these variations are founded, will compare the variation given on the 5th inst. with Cambridge Surprise, I will not hesitate to say, that, after such comparison, Mr. Leeves, or anyone else's claim as composer, will quickly glide to the vanishing point.

JAMES S. WILDE.

4, *Throstle Bank, Hyde, August* 14.

A gathering of anglers was held last Wednesday at Broxbourne, Herts., to celebrate the tercentenary of the birth of Izaak Walton. At the luncheon held in the grounds of the Crown Hotel (Mr. W. Senior in the chair) Mr. R. B. Marston, editor of the *Fishing Gazette*, remarked that no monument to the memory of Izaak Walton was to be found in London; but with the sanction of the rector of St. Dunstan's, Fleet Street, where Walton was once churchwarden, he proposed that subscriptions should be raised for the erection of a stained-glass window in that church. It would cost about £100, and he suggested that as there would probably be a surplus it should be devoted to the funds of the Anglers' Benevolent Society, Mr. G. Chambers, of the Gresham Angling Society, seconded Mr. Marston's proposal. After the toasts a poem specially written for the occasion by Cotswold Isys, M.A., was read by Doctor Brunton. A display of angling skill was subsequently given on the banks of the Lea. In the evening the Balloon Society, which is said to make a point of keeping in touch with the topics of the day, gave a banquet in honour of the anniversary at St. James's Hall.

*** We wish our readers to understand that correspondence, and reports other than peals, cannot be guaranteed to appear the same week they are sent.

Church News.

The Bishop of Gloucester and Bristol has left for Bel Alp, Switzerland, for three weeks.

The Rev. A. Mercer, curate of Christ Church, Weston-super-Mare, has been appointed an association secretary of the Religious Tract Society.

A brass has just been erected in Ellenhall church, Staffordshire, to the memory of the late Earl of Lichfield, by the vicar and tenantry on the Lichfield estates in the parish and neighbourhood. A sum of £200 has been subscribed towards a county memorial to the deceased earl.

The Bishop of Sodor and Man has promised to take part in the meeting of the National Protestant Church Union, to be held at Liverpool on November 13th. The Rev. Alexander Roberts, vicar of St. Peter's, Hereford, has accepted the secretaryship of the union. The Hereford living, which will thus be vacant, is in the gift of the Simeon Trustees.

The Bishops of Bangor and Chester have both given notice of their intention to move, when the House of Lords re-assembles:—"That an humble address be presented to Her Majesty praying her to withhold her assent to certain portions of the draft charter of incorporation of a University in and for Wales and the county of Monmouth, to be called 'the University of Wales,' laid before the House on the 1st inst."

A Mission Church at Grantown-on-Spey, the most southern point of the diocese of Moray, was opened last month. It is a simple but effective building designed by Provost Ross, of Inverness, and seated for 150. The funds for erecting, furnishing, etc., have been raised by subscription. The Bishop, with his usual liberality, started the list with £500, Sir S. Maryon Wilson gave £50, and Mrs. Eaton £30. The total cost is £800. The Bishop of Carlisle was present at the first services.

A new vestry and organ-chamber has been lately added on the south side of the chancel of the parish church at Newtimber, Sussex. An organ has been built for it by Messrs. Bishop, of Marylebone Road. A dedication service was held at 3 p.m. on August 2nd, the Rev. Treasurer Borrer, Rural Dean, and many of the neighbouring clergy and gentry and parishioners being present. The service (evensong) began with the processional hymn "The Church's one Foundation." Archdeacon Mount gave an address based on Psalm cxxxii. 17. A large party of visitors were afterwards entertained at Newtimber rectory by the Rev. A. and Mrs. Gordon. The cost of the new vestry and organ has been £630, of which £95 has still to be raised.

On Wednesday, August 9th, the foundation-stone of a church in the pleasant hamlet of Slindon, in the parish of Eccleshall, was laid by the wife of Mr. J. C. Salt, who has generously devoted a somewhat unexpected addition to his property to the good work, intending also to partially endow a curacy connected with the parish church. A proceession, consisting of some of the local clergy, the churchwardens, and choristers of Eccleshall, was formed at the school and marched to the site in the adjacent field. The vicar and Rural Dean, Prebendary Allen, took the greater part of the office appointed for use in the Lichfield diocese, and was assisted by the incumbents of the district parishes in Eccleshall, the Revs. J. D. Glennie, Croxton; and the Rev. J. B. Hazard, Cotes Heath; the Rev. E. Salt, rector of Standon, also took part, and Mr. Allen delivered an appropriate address. There was a large attendance of villagers and friends, who were hospitably entertained at tea. The church is to be cruciform, with central tower, early Perpendicular in style, and built of stone from designs by Mr. Basil Champneys.

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Ringers' Outings.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.—Availing themselves of the Foresters' excursion to Southampton and Bournemouth on Bank Holiday, the members journeyed to the latter town, and on arrival at once visited the picturesque churchyard of St. Peter's. Having strolled through this, the church was visited and duly admired. Service being over the tower was ascended, and touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, and Grandsire was rung. That genial local ringer, Mr. Grist, here put in an appearance, and conducted the party to the top of the tower, whence a magnificent view of the neighbourhood was obtained. Having dined with the visitors he then escorted them to the pier, from which the steamer was taken for Swanage, which was found to contain a massive tower, its belfry walls being hung with the portraits of ringing celebrities from "THE BELL NEWS," and an excellent peal of bells in iron A frames by Taylor. The rector being interviewed, the obliging sexton, Mr. Toms, soon had everything in readiness, the unwonted music of Superlative quickly bringing many "trippers" into the belfry. Mr. J. Elcombe, of Romsey, who had come over with the party, and Messrs. Bastable and "A. N. Other" of local fame, being anxious to have a touch, Stedman was indulged in, the striking then and throughout the day being admirable, every touch started for being brought round without a trip. Though separated in the crush on the pier, all the party turned up in safety at the station. Harmony was indulged in for the four hours of travelling back, and Reading was reached at 11.15 p.m., one and all averring that the outing was the most pleasant yet experienced by this young and flourishing society.

THE HEADCORN SOCIETY, KENT.—The members of this society had their first outing on Wednesday, August 2nd, in the Weald of Kent. The party included P. Hodgkin (captain and instructor), E. T. Moore (secretary), W. Foord, G. Foord, S. Batt, E. White, C. Fisher, A. Turk, and F. Butcher. Starting from Headcorn at 1.30 p.m. in a brake, passing Biddenden, St. Michael's, and Tenterden, when a halt was made, and some of the local ringers were found, including R. Edwards, who kindly made arrangements for them to have a pull on this melodious peal in the evening. Passing on to Rolvenden (twelve miles from Headcorn), a few short touches were rung on the bells of St. Mary's church, which are a nice little peal of eight, tenor about 15 cwt. The party were agreeably surprised by the appearance of P. Hawkridge, who arrived on a bicycle just before entering the church, making the party up to ten. After partaking of tea they returned to Tenterden where they well received by the local band. Raising the bells of St. Mildred's a few short touches were rung, and also three courses of Grandsire Triples by the local band, P. Hodgkin ringing the 2nd, and two of the visitors assisted in falling these beautiful bells in peal, tenor 30 cwt. in D flat. Starting on the homeward journey about 8.30, they arrived at Headcorn at 10.30, everyone being well pleased with their outing.

ST. LUKE'S SOCIETY, SHIREOAKS, NOTTS.—On Saturday, August 12th, the members of the above society had a day's outing, the places visited being Edwinstone and Perlethorpe. A start was made from Shireoaks at 10 o'clock by brake, and after a drive of about eleven miles, Edwinstone was reached, calling on the way at Perlethorpe vicarage to obtain permission to ring on the return journey. The vicar readily granted permission, and promised to have everything ready for them on their return. On arriving at Edwinstone the vicar was seen, to announce their arrival, and he at once handed them the keys of the church, but before going to ring refreshments were had, and then to the church to ring. The bells were raised, places taken, and the following methods were rung: A 720 of Woodbine, 720 Duke of York, and 720 of Oxford. S. Tomlinson, 1; D. Russon, 2; J. Fitzjohn, 3; W. Hargreaves (conductor), 4; B. Hall, 5; F. Hargreaves, 6. The bells were then lowered, and two of the company went to the vicarage to return thanks for the use of the bells, when the vicar said it had given him great pleasure to hear them so well rung. It must here be said that there is not a company of change-ringers at Edwinstone, Churchyard Bob being the order of the day. Refreshments were again had, and then the return journey was commenced. Arriving at Perlethorpe at 5 o'clock, the bells were raised and 720 Kent and 720 Oxford was rung, the ringers standing as above. The journey homeward was again proceeded with, and home was reached about 9.30, all having enjoyed their day's outing.

THE WELLINGBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.—By invitation of the Ven. Archdeacon Lightfoot, the ringers connected with Wellingborough parish church visited Uppingham recently. The journey of over twenty miles by road in a brake horsed and driven by Mr. Timpson, was much enjoyed, the scenery between Kettering and Uppingham being most beautiful. Dinner was provided at one o'clock. The Archdeacon being away for his holidays, he was ably represented by the Rev. E. E. Law, supported by Mr. W. Compton (churchwarden). Throughout the day these gentlemen did all they possibly could to add to the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors. On the proposition of Mr. E. J. Dennes, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Uppingham for his kind invitation and hospitality. The Rev. E. E. Law and Mr. Compton replied in a few appropriate words, the latter gentleman giving an account of some of his experiences in connection with Uppingham belfry, bells, and ringers, during the long period of thirty-seven years that he has held the office of churchwarden. In the afternoon a pleasant time was spent in the rectory grounds and in inspecting the church (of which Jeremy Taylor was at one time rector), also in ringing on the peal of eight bells. Several short touches of Doubles and Triples were brought round, but anything like good striking was impossible, owing to the bad condition of the bells and fittings. At the conclusion of the ringing the visitors again adjourned to the rectory garden, where they played several tunes and a variety of changes on a very musical peal of handbells, kindly lent by the local ringers, and partook of refreshment provided by the churchwarden (Mr. Compton). At six o'clock the party started homeward, well pleased with their day's outing. The church of SS. Peter and Paul, Uppingham, dates from about the year 1300, the tower and spire being about fifty years later. The Schools, for which Uppingham is so famous, were originally founded in the year 1584. The ring of eight bells came from the Whitechapel Foundry in the year 1772. The tenor weighs 17 cwt. and is a good bell in the key of F. If they were rehung by a competent founder they would sound better and ring easier.

CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY, EASTBOURNE.—The members of this branch of the Sussex County Association had their annual outing on Thursday, July 27th, and with the members of the choir proceeded to Portsmouth. Leaving Eastbourne by the 7.15 train, the party were accompanied by the Rev. H. Coombes, curate, and Mr. Attree, churchwarden, some of the members taking with them their lady friends. All went well until Drayton was reached, where a long delay occurred owing to an engine being off the line, consequently the party did not arrive at their destination till twelve o'clock, nearly two hours behind time. Some of the members at once proceeded to St. Mary's church, and being met by one solitary member of the local band, the bells were at once raised, and an attempt made for a 500 of Grandsire Triples, but it ended in a break-down. As it was time to adjourn for dinner, the only other attempt was 168 Grandsire Triples (under the guidance of Mr. A. E. Nye, who was at one time a member of the Portsea band), which was brought round, and the bells lowered. All the party was greatly pleased with the tone and "go" of the bells, and Portsea certainly ought to be blessed with a good band of ringers, as they have the vicar (the much respected Canon Jacob), as President, and the Rev. R. C. M. Harvey (Hon. Sec. of the Winchester Diocesan Guild), as Vice-President, who is indefatigable in his efforts for the promotion of change-ringing, and they hope often to see the performances of the band in "THE BELL NEWS." While the ringing was in progress other members of the party inspected the beautiful building for which all expressed great admiration. The next business was dinner, which was partaken of at the Speedwell Temperance hotel in Commercial Road; and with knife and fork both ringers and singers seemed quite at home. After dinner the party dispersed,

ome to the dockyard, and others to see personal friends until 5.50, when all turned up at the Town Station ready for the eturn journey. The ride was enlivened by songs, etc., some nviting the general public to clear the way for the "Rowdy owdy Boys," and others bewailing that their "Daddy ould'nt buy them a Bow-wow." Eastbourne was reached just efore midnight, all having spent a most enjoyable day.

THE ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, LEEDS.—On Saturday, July 22nd, e members of this Society journeyed to Birstall in a waggon-te to enjoy their annual pic-nic, leaving Leeds at 1.45 p.m. riving near our destination we got out a peal of handbells and ng a merry tune as we travelled through Birstall. We were rmly welcomed by some of our brother-ringers when we rived. We had arranged to play them a friendly cricket tch, so we started off to the cricket field, where our brother-rgers were in full practice. No matter, the practice did not ke them win. The Birstall men started the batting with Wson and West, to the bowling of Woodhead and Windsor, but the wickets fell fast, both bowling remarkably well. W. Wodhead (26), A. Windsor (20, retired), and S. Lee (14, not out were in splendid form with the bat. Rhodes and Stainthop were the best for Birstall, the former bowling very well and he latter batting well. The fielding of the visitors was very goo, Barraclough making two catches. This pleased that playr so much that he commenced to turn what they call the "cat wheel," more like a clown cricketer than a ringing cricketer. There was quite a lot of good-natured chaff on both sides. One of our ringers, a little absent-minded, made quite a mistke by putting on one of the Birstall ringers' coat. Of cours the Birstall man could not find his own coat for the Leed man had left the field for the meeting house, but it was son rectified when they met. After the match we returned to the meeting-house of the local company, The Black Bull inn, where about thirty ringers sat down to a most excellent tea provided by the worthy host, which everyone enjoyed. After tea a part of the band made their way to the belfry and rang some touche of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately a rope broke and put an end to the tower ringing. An adjournment was then made to the meeting house, and the chair was taken by Mr. Stainthrp. After a few kind remarks he referred to the cricket match, saying that they were sorry to lose it, but he would acknowedge that the Leeds ringers were too good for them. Mr. R. Binns responded with a few jocular remarks about the match, and thanked his brother-ringers of Birstall for the kind way in which they had received the Leeds company. The visitors then brought their handbells into requisition and playing "Love's old sweet song," which was received with applause. Mr. Rhodes sang a song in a very pleasant voice, and seened quite at home. Then a course of Grandsire Royal, by a mixd company, followed by Mr. F. Woodhead singing a comic sng, which was received with loud applause. The Leeds handbell ringers also played "Home, sweet Home" with a thorough musical taste. Mr. Holmes' song was very creditably sung and four of the Leeds ringers and four from Birstall rang a course of Grandsire Triples. Mr. T. Smith and Mr. H. Lockwood sang a duet "Brothers in Love," which was well received; followed by the Leeds handbell ringers playing "White Wngs." Mr. T. Smith sang "The Carrier Dove" in a very good voice, which was well received; then a course of Grandsire Royal was rung by a mixed company. Mr. H. Lockwood sang 'Love's old sweet song" ia his best style, and Mr. Wilson sang a comic song which caused much laughter. Mr. Tom Lockwod, the president of the Leeds company, proposed that a vote of thanks be given to the Birstall company for the kind way it which they had received and entertained the Leeds company, and giving them a invitation to Leeds and play a a retum match. The chairman in responding, thanked them for the vote of thanks passed, and said nothing would give them more pleasure than to meet the ringers from Leeds at any time. This brought the meeting to a close, everyone appearing to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The visitors took their departure for home, after ringing a merry tune on the handbells, greatly to the delight of the inhabitants of Birstall. The party arrived in Leeds about 10.20 p.m, and they wish through the medium of this paper to thank the vicar for the use of the bells and cricket field. B.

LEEDS PARISH CHURCH RINGERS *v.* BIRSTALL PARISH CHURCH RINGERS.

BIRSTALL.

D. Wilson b Windsor	7	W. Stainthorp b J. Woodhead	
J. West b J. Woodhead	2	Briggs b J. Woodhead	
W. Rhodes b Windsor	4	G. Thornton run out	
J. Clayton c Barraclough b Windsor	0	H. Holmes not out	
		Thorp b J. Woodhead	
H. Crossley c Barraclough b Windsor	4	Extras	—
Bender c and b J. Woodhead	3	Total	2

LEEDS.

A. Windsor retired..	20	R. Binns b Rhodes	
W. Woodhead lbw b Briggs..	26	W. Ingram b Rhodes	
J. Woodhead st West b Stainthorp	8	H. Lockwood c Rhodes b Clayton	0
S. Lee not out	14	Extras	2
M. Tomlinson b Rhodes ..	0		—
F. Woodhead b Rhodes.. ..	0	Total	

Curiosities.

RINGERS' RULES.

*** *Most of the following are culled from "Curiosities of the Belfry," by* J. P. BRISCOE.

In the belfry of Cardington church, near Church Stretton, Salop, are these lines, bearing date 1755-6:—

"If to ring you do come here.
You must Ring well with hand and ear;
And if a bell you chance to throw,
Fourpence to pay before you go.
And if you Ring with Spur or Hat
Sixpence in Ale to pay for that.
And if you either Swear or Curse,
Twelvepence to pay, pull out yr purse.
Our laws are old, they are not new,
Ye Clerk and Ringers claim their due.
Febr. ye 1775-6."

These lines, dated 1764, are framed and hung up in the belfry of Redbourn Church, Herts.:—

"All that intend to take these ropes in hand
To ring, mark well these lines and understand,
Which if with care yau read will plainly see
What fines and forfeits are the sexton's fee:
He that doth break a stay or turn a bell,
The forfeit if a groat, it's known full well;
And carelessly to ring with spur or hat,
The forfeit is a groat—beware of that,
And they that fight or quarrel, swear or curse,
Must pay two pots, turn out, or else do worse;
And for unlocking of the steeple doors,
And for the sweeping of the belfry floor,
And to buy oil you know is very dear.
And for my own attendance given here.
If you will well observe such rules as these
You're welcome for to ring here when you please.
Pray remember the sexton, Jos. Brown.
May 1764."

On a board in the ringers' chamber of Newark parish church are the following "orders," framed about the close of the last century:—

"If you a hindrance to ye ringers be,
Twopence for it must be ye sexton's fee;
With hat or spurs on don't begin to ring;
Twopence you forfeit if you touch a string;
Don't swear nor curse: shun these stumbling-blocks.
The law gives twelvepence, or else go to the stocks.
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SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 1893

WHEN one of the leading daily newspapers devotes abve a column to an article upon "the weather," surely we need not be blamed in making a reference to the subect. Such a topic is not at all unappropriate for this colmn, for upon current atmospheric conditions depend lagely the ringing of peals, and in fact the various meetings of bell ringers. When the thermometer in the shade is n the nineties, where it is at the time of writing, we do nt expect to read of "long lengths," or in fact f any "lengths" at all. Yet the information containedin this number points to the fact that ringers are to be found who totally disregard all conditions of the atmsphere which possess tropical characteristics, and ply ther craft totally unconcerned at the readings of barometer or thermometer.

Our chief "doggrellist" has this week beer led to pen a few lines upon what *The Standard* says is the topic of the day. A writer in this paper says:—"The topic of the day is not—we say it with no desire to hurt anybody's feelings—Home Rule, or the Behring Sea award, or even the County Championships and the Australian cricketers —but the weather. Generally speaking, it has been the

topic of the year. It is nearly six months since Englishmen began to recognise the surprising fact that it is quite possible to have three days of sunshine without a thunderstorm on the fourth. It took some time to convince cautious persons that this phenomenal state of things could really exist. In the midst of a delicious May they warned us not to put our trust in June and July; and when those months proved to be as charming as their predecessor they predicted a wet August (it is generally pretty safe to do that), and produced a savant from Vienna in support of their prophecies. But the forecast was wrong; the Viennese Professor had made a very bad 'shot.' Here we are in the middle of August, and it is as hot and dry as ever. Indeed, it is such an August as not many of us remember. Isolated days of greater heat are on record in former years; but this golden flood of sunshine day after day is unprecedented. We learnt in the earlier summer what life is like in Southern Europe, where you can always see the blue sky above you. Now we are beginning to discover what life is like further South still. The heat has been almost tropical in its intensity these past few days. Eighty-eight, ninety, and ninety-two degrees in the shade have been recorded, and something like one hundred and twenty or thirty in the sun."

"Very hot" is the greeting we meet at every turn, and we know it. The great heat has compelled us to write this article out of doors, where now and then a grateful zephyr—or what the weather-wise term a variable air—may be breathed. Thus we write under some sort of difficulty, a condition of heat which would be of much service to us by way of probation were we about to explore the desert of Sahara. Unfortunately there is nothing left to the perspiring Britisher but to endure, whether with or without a grin need not be said. We cannot be fanned by punkaks throughout the day, or call to our aid any other artificial contrivance of the East. But *The Standard* tells us that we should feel better if we adapted our food to the exigencies of the weather. This is what the writer who loves to "doggrelize" is evidently driving at in his poem (save the mark) to be found in another column. "We are much too apt to live in August (an August such as this) pretty much as we have done in January. A middle-aged gentleman, who takes no active exercise whatever, and has no means of disposing of superfluous adipose tissue, might do well to take something less solid than a couple of grilled kidneys, followed by a rasher of bacon, poached eggs, and some buttered muffins for breakfast; a good deal of roast beef, with chip potatoes, and a pint of stout, for luncheon; and some thick soup, fish, a bounteous cut from the joint, plenty of boiled potatoes, a plum tart (with crust *à l'Anglaise* and the like, diluted with sherry, burgundy, and a glass or two of old port, for dinner. Excellent as these viands are, they are a little too heating for a sub-tropical climate, which is practically that of this country at the present time. The diet which does very well for the winter leads in the Summer to exhaustion and weariness, and the consequent consumption of too many long drinks."

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Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

YORKSHIRE AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS,

On Saturday, August 12, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

5040 CHANGES IN SEVEN TREBLE BOB MINOR METHODS UPON SIX BELLS:

Being a 720 each of the following:—

College Treble, Arnold's Victory, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Kent. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED. HANCOCK.. .. ..*Treble.*	T. BETTISON .. .. .. 4.
WILLIAM SHORT.. .. .. 2.	W. H. TURTON .. .. .. 5.
JAMES EMSEN .. .. .. 3.	THOMAS LUNN .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Conducted by T. BETTISON.

Messrs. Hancock, Price and Lunn belong to the Eckington company, the rest are locals. The above was rung as an anniversary 5040 in honour of the first one rung by a Killamarsh company, which was rung on August 14th, 1892.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.—THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

On Snnday, August 13, 1893, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES.

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

WILLIAM F. MEADS* ..*Treble.*	*HAROLD N. DAVIS .. .. 5.
HENRY J. MARTIN 2	*JAMES E. DAVIS .. .. 6.
ERNEST E. HUNTLEY .. 3.	FRED. J. PITTS .. .. .. 7.
W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM .. 4.	JAMES GEORGE .. .. ..*Tenor.*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN of Hendon, and Conducted by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM.

*Elected members of the above Association prior to starting for the peal. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. G. E. Grenside and Mr. Hogg, churchwarden, for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Lobb for having everything in readiness. H. J. Martin hails from Hendon; E. E. Huntley from Bushey; W. H. L. Buckingham from St. Albans; J. George from Rugby; the rest from London.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 14, 1893, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

IN THE KENT VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM HOLMES .. ..*Treble.*	ROBERT C. HUDSON .. .. 5.
THOMAS T. GOFTON .. .. 2.	*GEORGE HOLMES .. .. 6.
WILLIAM FRASER* .. .. 3.	†EMMETT J. LINCOLN .. 7.
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN* .. 4.	FREDERICK J. HARRISON ..*Tenor.*

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL and Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

*First peal. †First peal in the method. Messrs. Geo. Holmes and Keen hail from North Shields; Gofton and Fraser from Whitley; Hudson from Sunderland; the rest are local men. This is the first peal rang by a bachelor band by the above Association.

Miscellaneous.

THE UNITED COUNTIES' ASSOCIATION.

GLOSSOP (Derbyshire).—On Monday, August 7th, at All Saints' church, 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor and 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor. J. Harrop (Glossop), 1; W. Harrop (Glossop), 2; J. A. Fildes (Hyde), 3; J. Maloney (Glossop), 4; J. S. Wilde (conductor, Hyde), 5; J. Pye, sen. (Glossop), 6.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

ABINGDON (Berks).—On Wednesday, August 2nd, for practice at St. Nicholas, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. A. R. Bosley, 1; A. Burgiss, 2; W. Higgs, 3; W. Fisher, 4; A. Kimbrey, 5; T. Short (conductor), 6.

FARNHAM ROYAL (Bucks).—On Saturday, August 5th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins. T. E. Harewood, 1; J. J. Parker (conductor), 2; G. Stanbrook, 3; J. Basden, 4; W. A. Garraway, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob, in 24 mins. J. Elderfield ringing the treble. Also 720 Plain Bob, in 24 mins. G. Allder, 1; J. Basden, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; W. A. Garraway, 4; R. Flaxman, 5; G. Newman (conductor), 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob in 25 mins. G. Newman, 1; G. Stanbrook, 2; J. J. Parker (conductor), 3; W. A. Garraway, 4; J. Basden, 5; R. Flaxman, 6. On Sunday morning, August 6th, for Divine Service, four 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Bovington, 1; A. Crook, 2; J. J. Parker, 3; J. Elderfield, 4; G. Basden (conductor), 5; J. Basden, 6. For evening service 360 Grandsire Minor, C. Clarke ringing the 6th.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HETHERSETT (Norfolk).—On Thursday, July 13th, at the church of St. Remigius, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. W. Crowe, 1; J. Alborough, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; G. Moore, 4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5; J. A. Trollop, 6. Tenor 12 cwt.

BLOFIELD (Norfolk).—On Saturday, July 22nd, at St. Andrew's church, 720 Bob Minor (forty-two singles), in 28 mins., composed by E. Francis, of Norwich. J. E. Burton (conductor), 1; J. A. Trollop, 2; G. P. Burton, 3; R. Ward, jun., 4; R. Ward, 5; F. Starling, 6. Tenor 20 cwt.

MARSHAM (Norfolk).—On Tuesday, July 25th, at All Saints' church, 400 Bob Major. F. H. Knights, 1; G. Howchin, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; W. Rought, 4; G. P. Burton, 5; J. A. Trollop, 6; P. Cushion, 7; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 8. Tenor 7 cwt. in B. This is the first time the eight (the lightest in Norfolk) have been rung since the re-opening of the ten at Aylsham. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Bob Major, G. Moy, of Aylsham, ringing the third.

ALBURGH (Norfolk).—On Monday, August 7th, at All Saints' church, Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but owing to the illness of one of the ringers it had to be abandoned after ringing 3400 changes. E. Smith (conductor), 1; J. Bentley, 2; G. Prime, 3; A. W. Brighton, 4; G. Howchin, 5; C. E. Borrett, 6; C. T. P. Brice, 7; F. Smith, 8. Tenor 11 cwt. in G. Messrs. Howchin, Brighton and Borrett hail from Norwich; Brice from London; the rest are local men.

MONEWDEN (Suffolk).—On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins. E. W. Brook, 1; R. H. Hayward (conductor), 2; H. Moss, 3; W. G. Archer, 4; H. Baldry (Brandeston), 5; J. Tarrant, 6. Tenor 6 cwt.

NORWICH.—On Thursday, August 3rd, at the church of St. Peter Mancroft, on handbells, the first part of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples, 518 changes, in 12½ mins. J. Armiger Trollop, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 7-8. On Tuesday, August 8th, at the meeting-house on handbells, 546 Grandsire Triples. G. P. Burton, 1-2; G. Smith, 3-4; J. E. Burton, 5-6; A. W. Brighton (conductor), 7-8. On Thursday, August 10th, 180 and 306 Grandsire Caters. A. W. Brighton, 1-2; J. E. Burton, 3-4; G. P. Burton, 5-6; G. Smith, 7-8; C. E. Borrett (conductor), 9-10.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

DUNSTER (Somersetshire).—Recently by members of St. James society, Taunton, an attempt was made for the first half of Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples. F. Millard, 1; H. Poole, 2; J. Burge, 3; A. Doble, 4; G. Yeandle, 5; W. Thorn, 6; J. Maddock (conductor), 7; E. Harris, 8. The above had to be called round at the end of the fourth part, owing to W. Thorn having to catch a train to retnrn to Taunton. The band afterwards visited Minehead.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GUISBROUGH (Yorks).—On Tuesday, August 5th, by the Middlesbrough branch of the above Association, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. M. Bradley, 1; J. W. Passman, 2; J. H. Jones, 3; A. Mellanby, 4; A. McFarlane, 5; J. H. Blakiston, 6. And 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor with J. Nicholson, 1; the rest standing as before. Also 360 Bob Minor. J. H. Blakiston, 1; M. Bradley, 2; J. Nicholson, 3; *R. Haswell, 4; A. McFarlane 5; J. W. Passman (conductor), 6. *Belongs to Guisbrough. And two 6-scores of Bob Doubles in which Messrs. Haswell, Knaggs, Pybus, and Cotterell, of the local company, took part. The visitors wish to thank the local ringers through the medium of this paper for their kind hospitality; also the vicar and churchwardens for allowing them the use of the bells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

STANSTED (Essex).—On Monday, July 31st, at the parish church of St. Mary the Virgin, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24 mins., in honour of the wedding of Mr. Privett, the organist of this church. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; T. J. Watts (600th 720), 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. On Saturday, August 5th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob (fifteen bobs), taken from Snowdon's *Treatise on Treble Bob*. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; G. Gray, 3; I. Cavill, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. And 720 London Surprise. J. Cavill, 1; W. Watts, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; T. J. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. On Sunday, August 6th, for Divine Service in the morning, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 24 mins., 3rd the observation. G. Jordan, 1; I. Cavill, 2; T. J. Watts, 3; J. Luckey, 4; I. Hammond, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 720 York Surprise, in 24 mins. J. Cavill, 1; I. Hammond, 2; J. Luckey, 3; G. Gray, 4; W. Watts, 5; I. Cavill (conductor), 6. I. Cavill, who was formerly a member of the Stansted company, hails from Brickington, Hertfordshire. On Sunday, August 13th, for morning service, 720 Superlative Surprise, 4th the observation. G. Jordan, 1; I. Hammond, 2; G. Gray, 3; T. J. Watts, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. For afternoon service 360 New London Pleasure. J. Cavill, 1; G. Jordan, 2; I. Hammond, 3; G. Gray, 4; J. Luckey, 5; W. Watts (conductor), 6. Tenor 13 cwt.

ROMFORD (Essex).—On Sunday evening, August 13th, after Divine Service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. S. James, 1; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 2; B. Keeble, 3; W. Pye, 4; W. Watson, 5; G. R. Pye, 6; J. Dale (first quarter-peal with a bob bell), 7; E. Pye, 8. And on handbells retained in hand 504 Grandsire Triples. G. R. Pye, 1-2; W. Pye, 3-4; A. J. Perkins (conductor), 5-6; W. Watson, 7-8.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN BRANCH.

HALEWOOD.—On Friday, August 4th, at the parish church, 720 Plain Bob Minor in 26 mins. J. Grace (conductor), 1; G. Callan, 2; T. Griffiths, 3; A. E. Grace, 4; J. Houghton, 5; T. Ambrose, 6. Tenor 11 cwt. The above is the first 720 in the method by the local company.

HALE.—On Saturday, August 5th, at the parish church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 24½ mins. T. Jennions, 1; C. Williams, 2; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 3; J. Schofield, 4; W. Booth, 5; J. Aspinwall, 6. Tenor 12 cwt. First 720 in the method by T. Jennions.

WALTON.—On Sunday morning, July 30th, for Divine Service at St. Mary's church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 25 mins. T. W. Gilmour, 1; W. Bramley, 2; W. E. Trinder, 3; T. Johnson, 4; T. R. Somerville, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by W. E. Trinder. On Friday, August 11th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor in 26 mins. T. Johnson, 1; T. Jennions, 2; W. E. Trinder, 3; R. Green, 4; W. Bramley, 5; C. E. Wilson (conductor), 6. First 720 in the method by Messrs. Jennions and Green, who hail from Garston. Tenor 9 cwt.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

ARMLEY (Leeds).—Recently, for practice, 1050 Grandsire Triples in 30 mins., being the third part of Hollis's five-part peal. A. Craven 1-2; J. Thackray, 3-4; H. Williams, 5-6: J. Whitaker, 7-8. Longest touch on handbells by J. Whitaker. Also 672 in the same method, with twelve 6-7's. J. Thackray, 1-2. And four courses of Grandsire Major. On Friday, August 11th, an attempt was made for Hollis s 5-part peal No. 1, but it came to grief after ringing 4998 changes in 2 hrs. and 32 mins, the ringers as above. Referee—J. Thackray. Conducted by H. Williams.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CLAY CROSS (Derbyshire).—On Sunday, July 23rd, 720 Bob Minor (eight bobs and six singles), conducted by T. Clough. On Sunday, July 30th, 720 Bob Minor (twenty-six singles and four bobs), in 25 mins., composed by B. Annable. J. Green, 1; J. Maycock, 2; J. J. Cook, 3; T. Millington (conductor), 4; F. R. Marshall, 5; T. Clough, 6.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD.—On Sunday, June 28th, at St. Paul's church, 504 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Hall, 4; I. Hills, 5; F. Keech, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Thursday, July 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples. C. Chasty, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; W. Davison (first 500 with a bob bell), 5; I. Hills, 6; P. Howard, 7; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 8. On Sunday, July 30th, 518 Grandsire Triples. W. Lightfoot, 1; F. Keech, 2; C. Chasty, 3; W. Hall, 4; C. W. Clarke, 5; I. Hills, 6; J. Waghorn, sen. (conductor, Tottenham), 7; R. Shimmans, 8. And 504 Stedman Triples. H. Sharp, 1; S. J. Cullip, 2; W. Hall, 3; F. Keech, 4; J. Waghorn, sen., 5; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 6; I. Hills, 7; R. Shimmans, 8. On Sunday, August 13th, 503 Grandsire Triples. T. Spencer, 1; W. Lightfoot (first 500 with a bob bell), 2; C. Chasty, 3; S. J. Cullip, 4; I. Hills, 5; H. Sharp, 6; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 7; F. Keech, 8. On Tuesday, July 4th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor (eighteen bobs and two singles). W. Lightfoot (first 720), 1; F. Keech, 2; C. W. Clarke (conductor), 3; I. Hills, 4; W. Hall, 5; P. Howard, 6. On Tuesday, August 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob (nine bobs). F. Keech, 1; I. Hills, 2; W. Hall, 3; C. W. Clarke, 4; S. J. Cullip, 5; P. Howard (conductor), 6.

BELGRAVE (Leicestershire). — *Handbell Ringing*.—On Thursday, August 10th, at the house of Mr. A. Ballard, six 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles in 25 mins. A. J. Ballard, 1-2; A. Ballard (conductor), 3-4; S. Ballard, 5-6. First 6-score by all, and was rung as a wedding compliment to the sister of the above.

BLETCHINGLEY (Surrey).—On Wednesday, August 9th, in honour of the twenty-first birthday of Miss Bessie Walford (handbell family), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins. J. Tidey, 1; F. Smith, 2; C. Maynard (first quarter-peal), 3; W. Mayne, 4; G. Potter, 5; J. Bashford, jun. (conductor), 6; T. Boniface, 7; G. Brown, 8.

CARSHALTON (Surrey).—On Sunday morning, August 6th, for Divine Service at All Saints' church, 500 Grandsire Triples in 18 mins, *W. Bromby, 1; J. Wignell, 2; E. Lee, 3; E. Walker, 4; F. Holder (conductor), 5; E. Hollands, 6; C. Bance, 7; A. Bundle, 8. *First 500 in the method.

CROYDON (Surrey).—On Monday, August 14th, for practice at St. Peter's church, 672 Grandsire Triples. A. Burkin, 1; *W. Dolton, 2; *J. Larbey, 3; W. Gammon, 4; W. Sadler, 5; H. Brooker (conductor), 6; G. Burt, 7; B. Blake, 8. *Longest touch with a bob bell.

DISLEY (Cheshire).—On Sunday morning, August 6th, at St. Mary's church, 720 Bob Minor in 23½ mins. J. Johnson (conductor), 1; T. Johnson, 2; J. Shallcross, 3; R. Marsland, 4; T. Atkinson, 5; T. Brocklehurst (Hayfield), 6. Tenor 10 cwt.

DUNSTER (Somersetshire).—On Tuesday, August 8th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 46 mins. A. Chilcott, 1; T. Elliott, 2; W. W. Thorne, 3; T. Doble, 4; Rev. H. C. Courtney, 5; H. Moore, 6; J. Grabham (conductor), J. Payne, 8.

EAST DEREHAM (Norfolk).—On Monday, August 7th, at the parish church, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but it came to grief after ringing 1300 changes in 53 mins. J. Armiger Trollop (composer and conductor), 1; F. Burleigh, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; G. P. Burton, 4 J. Majoram, 5; J. Wells, 6; W. Leggett, 7; S. F. Burleigh, 8. And 168 Grandsire Triples standing as above, with R. Stackwood (Aylsham, conductor), 5. Tenor 24 cwt.

NETHERTON (Worcestershire).—On Thursday, August 10th, 720 Kent Treble Bob in 26 mins. J. H. Swinfield, 1; A. R. Aldham (conductor), 2; J. Townsend, 3; J. Prestidge, 4; W. Micklewright, 5; J. Smith, 6. Messrs. Swinfield and Aldham hail from Earl Shilton, Hinckley.

PENARTH (South Wales).—On Tuesday, July 25th, for practice, 720 Grandsire Minor (forty-four bobs and four singles) in 26 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. This 720 appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of June 17th, composed by J. Fisher, of Ducklington. On Sunpay, July 50th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; D. Thomas, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; W. Coombes, 5; C. Lloyd (conductor), 6. On Sunday evening, August 13th, for Divine Service, 720 Grandsire Minor (thirty-six bobs and twelve singles) in 26 mins. J. Vinnicombe, 1; W. Biss, 2; J. Jones, 3; F. Bartlett, 4; T. Northey, 5; D. Thomas (conductor), 6. This 720 appeared in "THE BELL NEWS" of August 5th, composed by W. Walmsley, of Macclesfield, and was rung at the second attempt, failing at first through a mis-call.

SHEDFIELD (Hants).—On Thursday, August 10th, three 6-scores of Bob Doubles. J. Mallard, 1; G. Chequer, 2; W. Cooper (conductor), 3; E. Walker, 4; W. Linter, 5; S. Cummings, 6. First in the method by all except W. Linter. And two 6-scores of Grandsire Doubles. J. Mallard, 1; G. Winter, 2; W. Cooper (conductor), 3; S. Cumming, 4; G. Chequer, 5; E. Walker, 6. And a 6-score in the same method. E. Linter, 1; G. Winter, 2; W. Cooper (conductor), 3; E. Walker, 4; W. Linter, 5; S. Cummings, 6.

TREETON (Yorks).—On Thursday, July 20th, for practice at the parish church, a 720 Bob Minor. J. H. Brothwell, 1; W. J. Nichol, son, 2; G. Brothwell, 3; W. Lambert, 4; F. Royle, 5; W. Lambert, 6. And 360 Oxford Treble Bob. J. H. Brothwell, 1; G. Brothwell, 2; W. J. Nicholson, 3; W. Lambert, 4; T. Sadler, 5; W. Lambert, 6. On Friday, July 28th, a first attempt at Woodbine Treble Bob, which failed after ringing over 600 changes. On Sunday August 13th, for morning service, a 360 Oxford. T. Sadler, 1; W. Lambert, 2; G. Brothwell, 3; W. J. Nicholson, 4; A. Woolfenden, 5; T. Bettison (Killamarsh, conductor), 6. And for evening service a 720 and 240 Oxford. J. Brothwell, 1; T. Sadler, 3; the rest as above.

WHITWELL (Norfolk).—On Monday, August 7th, at the parish church, 360 Bob Minor. R. Stackwood (Aylsham), 1; J. Armiger Trollop, 2; J. E. Burton, 3; W. Stackwood (Aylsham, aged 86), 4; G. P. Burton (conductor), 5; H. Hawes, 6. Tenor 9 cwt. And on handbells 266 Grandsire Triples. J. E. Burton, 1-2; G. P. Burton, 3-4; R. Stackwood (conductor), 5-6; J. Armiger Trollop, 7-8. Messrs. Burton and Trollop hail from Norwich; the rest belong to the respective local companies.

WEST GRINSTEAD (Sussex).—On Sunday, August 6th, at the parish church, a 720 Oxford Bob. W. Pierce, 1; R. Summersell, 2; H. Warnett, 3; H. Tyrrell, 4; S. Woolgar, 5; W. Denman, 6. And 360 Plain Bob. W. Jupp, 1; W. Pierce, 2; R. Summersell, 3; H. Tyrrell, 4; H. Warnett, 5; W. Denman (conductor), 6. H. Warnett hails from London, and wish to thank the ringers for their kind reception.

Obituary.

THOMAS AUGUSTINE SCAMMELL.

Our brethren in the West of England who in any way had come into personal contact with Mr. Scammell, for some years a member of the St. John Baptist parish church Guild of ringers, Frome, Somersetshire, will readily join with the writer in tendering him heartfelt sympathy in losing his third son Thomas Augustine, whose early death occurred on July 21st, after a long illness, the result of complicated diseases, borne with Christian fortitude, at the early age of eleven years. The deceased youth served in the parish church of his baptism as a chorister, and possessed a fine voice, and needless to state was beloved by all his brother-choristers, who on July 24th, rendered their last solemn services at the graveside in "sure and certain hope" of meeting on the resurrection morn, and also placed a handsome wreath on the grave. Similar tokens of respect were shown by many kind friends, who knew this promising lad. Whilst standing at the graveside witnessing the last rites of the church and the singing of the choristers, some may have been apt to view this early call to rest unseasonable. But, we as mortals, cannot see the wisdom of His just decree, who commands the angel of death to summon our loved ones to Paradise, their true country. The sorrowing parents have the happy consolation to know that He in whose hands are not only the issues of life and death, but also the unfading crown of everlasting life, liveth for evermore, and though the icy hand of death has for a while parted them from an affectionate child, it is for his benefit and early reward.

A. J. J. G.

WALTER JUKES.

It is with great regret that we record the death of the above, late a member of the St. Peter's Guild, Wolverhampton, who died on Sunday, August 6th, at Crewe, and was interred in Crewe cemetery on Wednesday, August 9th. The deceased had only been in Crewe about three months, the local band having been successful in obtaining him employment at the works. On Wednesday evening for Divine Service, with the bells deeply muffled, 658 Grandsire Triples was rung. W. Evetts, 1; J. Broome, 2; A. Harding, 3; J. Wright, 4; R. Langford, 5; G. Harding, 6; R. T. Holding (conductor), 7; A. Dudley, 8. Afterwards the whole pull and stand, twenty-eight times, being the age of the deceased. After service 504 in the same method, standing as before, with the exception of A. Jarvis, 5.

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Notices.

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The Lancashire Association.—Rossendale Branch. — Next meeting of the above Branch will be held to-day, Saturday, August 19th at St. Mary's church, Rawtenstall. Business: To elect a Secretary for the next year, and the Annual Meeting.

J. B. TAYLOR, *Branch Sec.*
7, Church Street, Waterfoot.

The Heavy Woollen District Association, Yorkshire.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Batley Carr, to-day, Saturday, Aug. 19th, at 5 p.m. Meeting house, Foresters' Arms. Committee meeting at 4 p.m.

GEO. H. SIMON, *Hon. Sec.*
19, Albert Street, Batley Carr.

The Birmingham and District Amalgamated Society.—The above intend to hold their Annual outing and Dinner to-day, Saturday, Aug. 19th, at Warwick.

J. JENNINGS, *Hon. Sec.*
19, Lionel Street, Birmingham.

The Leeds and District Amalgamated Society.—The next monthly ringing meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, August 26th, at St. Chad's church, Far Headingley (eight bells). Ringing from 3 o'clock. Meeting House, The Woodman inn, opposite, 7 p.m.

R. BINNS, *Hon. Sec.*
43, Low Moor Side, Holbeck.

The Sussex County Association.—Central Division.—A District meeting will be held at Horsham, on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea at the Park Street Coffee Tavern, 5.30.

GEO. WILLIAMS, *Div. Hon. Sec.*

The Midland Counties' Association.—Nuneaton District.—A meeting of this District will take place at Barwell, on Saturday, August 26th. Tower open 3.30.

HARRY ARGYLE, *Local Hon. Sec.*

The Raunds, Wellingborough and District Society.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Desborough, near Kettering, on Saturday, August 26th. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Delegates' meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. E. J. DENNES, *Hon. Sec.*
Wellingborough.

The Liverpool Diocesan Guild. — The Quarterly Meeting of the Guild will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, August 26th. Bells open 3 p.m. Meeting 6 p.m.

REV. W. T. BULPIT, } *Hon. Secs.*
W. BENTHAM, }

The Lancashire Association.—Blackburn Branch.—Meeting at Burnley Parish Church, on Saturday, August 26th. Belfry open at 3. Meeting at 6. All members are earnestly requested to make an effort to attend this meeting. JAMES HORROCKS, *Sec.*

The Ancient Society of College Youths.—During the month of August, it is requested that all communications shall be addressed to me at the Rose and Crown, London House Yard, City. The meetings will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 1st and 29th, and at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 15th.

W. T. COCKERILL, *Hon. Sec.*
27, Tradescant Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

The Middlesex Association.—A meeting of this Association will be held at Edgware, on Saturday, August 26th. Ringing 5 at o'clock.

PERCY HOWARD, *Hon. Sec.*
The Manor House, Biddenham, near Bedford.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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COMPOSER.—It is true; but the same effects have been produced by two singles only.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS.

By JAMES GEORGE, *Rugby.*

5003.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

4 2 3 5 6	7th in and out at three.
3 4 2 5 6	9th in three
4 5 2 3 6	8th in three
5 3 2 4 6	8th in three
2 5 3 4 6	9th in three
3 2 5 4 6	9th in three
2 4 5 3 6	8th in three
4 3 5 2 6	8th in three
5 4 3 2 6	9th in three
3 5 4 2 6	9th in three
5 2 4 3 6	8th in three
2 3 4 5 6	8th in three
5 3 4 2 6	1 s
4 5 3 2 6	9th in three
5 2 3 4 6	8th in three
2 4 3 5 6	8th in three
3 2 4 5 6	9th in three
4 3 2 5 6	9th in three
3 5 2 4 6	8th in three
5 4 2 3 6	8th in three
2 5 4 3 6	9th in three
4 2 5 3 6	9th in three
2 3 5 4 6	8th in three
3 4 5 2 6	8th in three
6 2 4 3 5	8th in two
4 6 2 3 5	9th in three
2 4 6 3 5	9th in three
4 3 6 2 5	8th in three
3 2 6 4 5	8th in three
6 3 2 4 5	9th in three
Continued—	
3 4 2 6 5	8th in three
5 3 4 6 2	9th in three s
4 5 3 6 2	9th in three
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2 4 3 6 5	9th in three
3 2 4 6 5	9th in three
5 3 2 6 4	9th in three s
2 5 3 6 4	9th in three
4 2 5 6 3	9th in three s

Round as usual.

This peal has the 6th its extent wrong and right.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By C. H. MARTIN, *Hendon.*

5376.

2 3 4 5 6	M	B	W	H
3 2 6 5 4	2			2
6 2 5 3 4			2	1
6 5 3 2 4			1	2
4 6 2 5 3	2		1	2
2 3 5 6 4	2	–	2	2

Twice repeated.

By calling the first course of either part 2 M 1 W 2 H brings up the second course-end of the part and reduces the peal to 5184. 2nd never in 6ths place at a course-end.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By HENRY DAINS, *Royal Cumberland Youths.*

5632.

2 3 4 5 6	B	M	W	H	2 5 6 3 4
4 5 2 3 6			–	–	6 3 2 5 4
3 4 2 5 6			–		5 6 2 3 4
2 4 6 5 3		–	–		2 6 4 3 5
2 4 5 3 6	–			–	2 6 3 5 4
5 2 4 3 6				–	3 2 6 5 4
4 3 5 2 6			–	–	6 5 3 2 4
5 4 3 2 6				–	3 6 5 2 4
6 3 4 2 5		–		–	4 5 6 2 3
4 6 3 2 5				–	6 4 5 2 3
2 3 5 6 4		–	–		2 5 3 4 6
6 2 5 3 4			–		4 2 3 5 6
5 3 6 2 4			–	–	3 5 4 2 6
2 5 6 3 4			–		2 3 4 5 6
1st part.					2nd part.

This composition has the 4th and 6th the extent in 5-6, 2nd never in 6ths place at a course-end. By calling a bob H, in lieu of W, in 2nd course of either part, the 4th course-end is produced, and the changes are reduced to 5280.

And by omitting the bobs at W in the 10th, 11th, and 12th courses of either part, the changes are reduced to 5184.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL.

By C. H. MARTIN, *Hendon.*

5040.

2 3 4 5 6	W	M	H
4 2 3 5 6			–
6 3 2 5 4		–	–
2 6 3 5 4			–
2 3 6 5 4			s
6 2 3 5 4			–
3 6 2 5 4			–
2 5 3 6 4	–		–
3 2 5 6 4			–
3 5 2 6 4			s
2 3 5 6 4			–
5 2 3 6 4			–
4 3 2 6 5		–	–
2 4 3 6 5			–
2 3 4 6 5			s
4 2 3 6 5			–
3 4 2 6 5			–
2 6 3 4 5	–		–
3 2 6 4 5			–
3 6 2 4 5			s
2 3 6 4 5			–
6 2 3 4 5			–
5 3 2 4 6		–	–
2 5 3 4 6			–
2 3 5 4 6			s
5 2 3 4 6			–
3 5 2 4 6			–
2 4 3 5 6	–		–
2 3 4 5 6			s

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"To adjourn will be the best,
Let's all go back, we all feel tired,
Let's go back home to rest.

And mind don't stay upon the road,
Be careful of your health;
Remember you that early hours,
And temperance—leads to wealth.

And while this sultry weather lasts,
Practise the greatest care
In what you take—both food and drink,
Through folly do not dare

To take too much of anything,
Be temperate, at least;
The old wise saw—and true as well
'Enough's as good as a feast.'

And let us abstinence practise
In all we undertake,
In work, in play, of every kind,
For our own credit's sake.

Let enthusiasts all ringers be
For ringing dispels sadness,
But when sometimes its overdone,
The knowing ones call it madness.

And true it is that some we know
Lose their powers of observation
They are ringing mad, and their minds become
A mass of conglomeration.

So now, my lads, an example we
Will set unto our brothers
By refraining from this one pursuit,
If we have to practice others.

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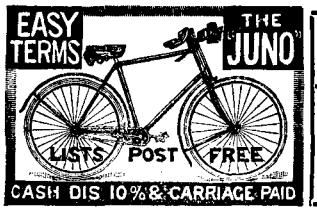

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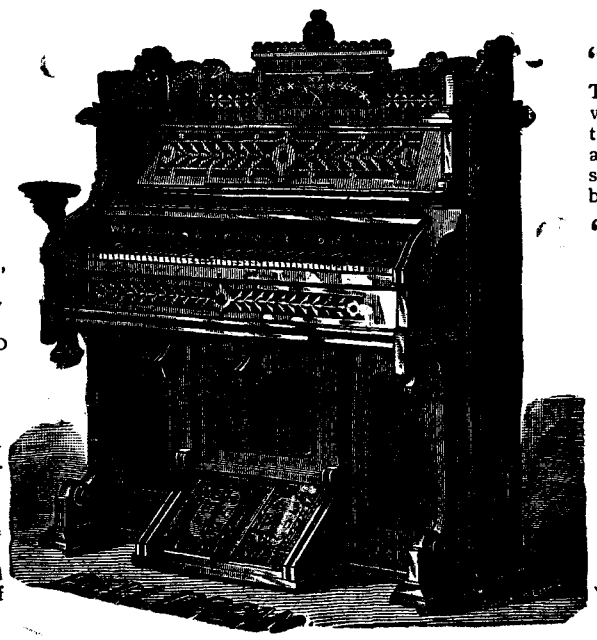

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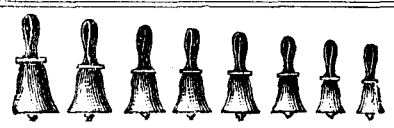

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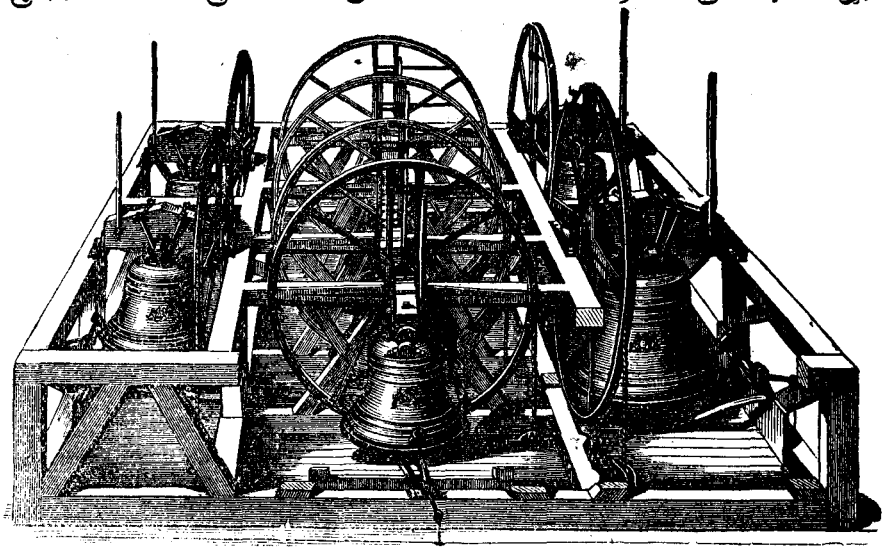

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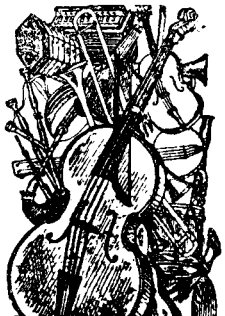

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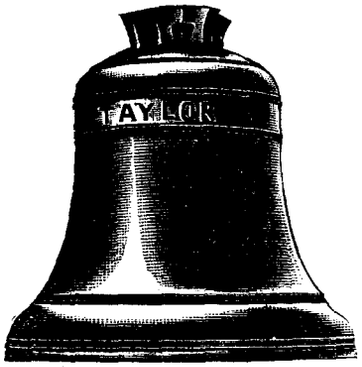

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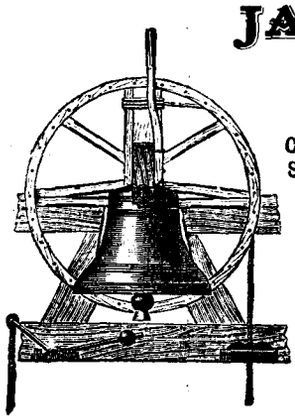

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